

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OFFICIAL.

SATURDAY, October 29, 1892.  
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the chairman. Roll called. Quorum present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committee on claims made the following report and on motion of Mr. Smith the same was allowed, as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County.

Gentlemen—Your committee on claims to whom was referred the various claims of Olive O. Cook, the townships of Solon and Tyrone, and the bill of the county drain commissioner, would respectfully report that the bill of Olive Cook has been certified by the county agent, and upon further investigation by your committee we would respectfully report in favor of allowing the same at the full amount, viz., \$18.

The bill for the burial of victims of contagious diseases in the townships of Solon and Tyrone is in the judgment of your committee and the prosecuting attorney, not a legal charge against the county, and we would respectfully report in favor of allowing the bills of said townships less the amount charged for the burial of paupers.

The bill of the county drain commissioner seems to be correct in its items, but is not, in the judgment of your committee, a legal charge against Kent county. Your committee would therefore recommend that the report of the drain commissioner be accepted and that he be instructed to spread all expense connected with his office upon the drains laid by him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. E. SKEELS,  
C. N. HYDE,  
BENJAMIN J. LEE,  
F. H. GILL,  
Committee.

The committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills made the following report, and on motion of Mr. Walker the same was adopted, and the amount allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County.

Gentlemen—Your committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills have examined the following claim against the county and recommend its allowance as follows:

James T. Doherty, deputy sheriff bill; amount claimed, \$320; amount deducted, \$117.50; amount allowed, \$412.50.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. E. PAIGE,  
JAMES HILL,  
FRANK LADNER,  
JAMES WARD,  
C. H. SMITH,  
Committee.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Emmons the same was adopted:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your special committee on county officers' deputies salaries, to whom was referred the matter of how certain fees in the clerk's office should be paid, would respectfully recommend that the matter be referred to the county clerk with instructions to draft an act to provide for the manner in which the said fees shall be collected, and present the same to our representatives in the next legislature with the request from this board that they use their best endeavors to have the said act made a law to take immediate effect.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES E. HOAGDON,  
W. D. FROST,  
JOHN KINNEY,  
C. H. SMITH,  
Committee.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Gill the same was received and placed on file:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Kent:

Gentlemen—Your committee on roads and bridges, together with the prosecuting attorney, to whom was referred the matter of the construction of a new swing bridge across Grand river, on the line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company, respectfully report as follows:

1. The committee in a body visited today the premises where said bridge is now being constructed and find that the same is being constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications presented to this honorable board at the June session, 1892, as near as they were able to determine, and in pursuance of the notice given by the

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company in its prayer for leave to construct and maintain a railroad bridge over Grand river, in said county of Kent.

2. Your committee further report that the south end pier, near the south-east bank of the river, is fully completed, and also the back-water pier above the place located for the center pivot pier and that said backwater pier is parallel to the old backwater pier previously maintained by the company, but is some distance north and further into the channel of the river, but in line with the north side of the proposed center pivot pier which is now being constructed.

3. Your committee, in their opinion, believe that the backwater pier which is now being constructed, are too far northward into the main channel of the river, and will impede and obstruct the passage of boats and vessels, especially as there is a sharp curve in the channel of the river at this point of the location of the backwater pier, and the center pivot pier.

WILLIAM F. MCKNIGHT,  
Prosecuting Attorney.  
MOSES ROSENBERG,  
E. H. JONES,  
L. C. WARNER,  
L. E. PAIGE,  
JOHN FERGUSON,  
Committee.

The following report was read and on motion of Mr. Kinney the same was adopted, a majority of the members elect voting therefor:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee on equalization, to whom was referred the apportionment of the state and county taxes of the several townships and the wards of the city of Grand Rapids, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have made said apportionment as follows:

| Townships.    | State.     | County.     |
|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Ada           | 922.53     | 1,702.89    |
| Albion        | 1,185.83   | 2,366.97    |
| Alma          | 727.60     | 1,409.69    |
| Bowling Green | 915.00     | 1,718.01    |
| Byron         | 840.36     | 1,605.87    |
| Caldonia      | 180.17     | 1,415.71    |
| Cannonsville  | 915.42     | 1,725.94    |
| Cascade       | 915.99     | 1,725.31    |
| Courtland     | 825.19     | 1,578.71    |
| Valino        | 1,082.52   | 2,031.00    |
| Grand Rapids  | 1,275.19   | 2,837.44    |
| Oran          | 954.47     | 1,833.92    |
| Lowell        | 1,295.59   | 3,182.83    |
| Nelson        | 599.21     | 1,070.83    |
| Okland        | 719.30     | 1,324.53    |
| Paris         | 1,234.43   | 2,462.07    |
| Plainfield    | 939.47     | 1,758.95    |
| Solon         | 542.59     | 1,036.62    |
| Spartan       | 1,341.61   | 2,462.07    |
| Spencer       | 319.34     | 610.23      |
| Tyrone        | 407.11     | 777.55      |
| Verona        | 1,039.24   | 1,963.44    |
| Walker        | 1,233.83   | 2,501.26    |
| Wyoming       | 906.62     | 1,730.77    |
| Total         | \$6,276.33 | \$12,000.00 |

| Wards.   | State.      | County.      |
|----------|-------------|--------------|
| First    | \$3,000.00  | \$5,484.57   |
| Second   | 11,131.77   | 21,271.93    |
| Third    | 6,084.39    | 11,627.51    |
| Fourth   | 6,128.17    | 11,719.50    |
| Fifth    | 2,229.89    | 4,271.82     |
| Sixth    | 1,034.12    | 2,004.53     |
| Seventh  | 2,364.50    | 4,517.61     |
| Eighth   | 1,517.24    | 2,917.29     |
| Ninth    | 1,092.68    | 3,308.37     |
| Tenth    | 2,134.61    | 4,117.39     |
| Eleventh | 1,094.45    | 2,117.39     |
| Twelfth  | 1,217.29    | 2,394.27     |
| Total    | \$62,766.33 | \$120,000.00 |

Respectfully submitted,  
OLIVER I. WATKINS,  
HENRY B. PROCTOR,  
FRED L. HODGES,  
WM. F. WOODWORTH,  
Geo. E. COGHILL,  
JACOB A. SMITH,  
W. D. FROST,  
LEWIS A. SOLOMON,  
H. LIPPICK,  
Committee.

The following report was read, and on motion of Mr. Proctor the same was adopted:

Gentlemen—Your committee on finance, to whom was referred the matter of examining the vouchers of the court house building committee, for expenditures in the construction of the court house, have carefully examined and compared the same with the statement and report of that committee and find that they are correct.

Your committee earnestly commend the careful and business-like manner in which the disbursements of the court house building fund have been made, and the excellent and systematic method of keeping an exact and complete record of the same, and they also state their high appreciation of the efficient and conscientious manner in which that committee have performed their duties during a prolonged service, attended often by unforeseen, unavoidable and discouraging difficulties.

For their patience and strict fidelity to duty in this service, the taxpayers of the county may feel truly thankful.

Your committee recommend that the vouchers be sealed and filed in the office of the county clerk and the court house building committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. COLSON,  
W. F. O'LEARY,  
E. C. WOODWORTH,  
Committee on Finance.

Mr. E. C. Woodworth offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption, which prevailed by the unanimous rising vote of all the members present:

Resolved, That the board of supervisors of Kent county tender the committee on court house building a vote of thanks for the careful and judicious manner in which they have guarded the interests of the county while in the faithful performance of their duty, and that the same be spread upon the records.

Mr. Gill offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The contract price for building the county court house was \$150,000; and

Whereas, According to the printed report of the building committee that amount has been exceeded by \$10,000; and

Whereas, The bond of the Western Construction company is deemed responsible for any loss that the county

may have suffered on account of the non-fulfillment of the contract; therefore

Resolved, That the chairman of the board, together with the prosecuting attorney and Supervisor Loomis be authorized and instructed, in their discretion, to institute proceedings in the proper court for the recovery of whatever sum may be deemed necessary to pay to the county the sum of \$10,000, and whatever damages the county has sustained through the failure of said Western Construction company to fulfill its contract, and that the chairman, prosecuting attorney and Supervisor Loomis be, and are hereby authorized to employ additional counsel, if by them deemed necessary.

Mr. Gill moved that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Jones moved to lay the subject matter on the table.

Lost by a vote of 8 yeas to 30 nays.

Thereupon, the motion made by Mr. Gill being put, was carried.

On motion of Supervisor Braman, E. A. Hoag was appointed agent for the care and burial of deceased indigent soldiers, sailors and marines in the township of Grand Rapids.

A claim was presented by Charles Woodward for \$15, for services rendered the committee on court house building, and on motion of Mr. Frost the same was allowed, a majority of the members elect voting therefor.

The committee on members' pay made the following report, and on motion of Mr. Emmons the same was adopted, and the accounts allowed as recommended by the committee, a majority of the members elect voting therefor:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Kent County:

Gentlemen—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of computing the amount due members of the board for attendance and mileage at the session ending October 29, 1892, respectfully report the following as the amount due each supervisor, and recommend that the chairman and clerk attach their names thereto, and that the same be deposited with the treasurer for payment, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

| MEMBER'S NAME.     | D'S | A's | M's | Mile | Total |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| John Benjamin      | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Harvey O. Braman   | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| George E. Coghill  | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Sherman T. Cosson  | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Nichol D. Emmons   | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| John Fergusson     | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| William D. Frost   | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Charles H. Gill    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| J. T. Gould        | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| James Hill         | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Fred L. Hodges     | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Charles E. Hoagdon | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| John Huber         | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Charles H. Jones   | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| John Kinney        | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Freeman Lathrop    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Benjamin J. Lee    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Henrietta Leppan   | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Anne Lindemader    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Robert B. Loomis   | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| William F. O'Leary | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Leslie E. Paige    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Henry B. Proctor   | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| James Rosenburg    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| H. O. Schermerhorn | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Fremont E. Skeels  | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Conor H. Smith     | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Jacob A. Smith     | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Levi A. Solomon    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Madison J. Ulrich  | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| David Walker       | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| James Ward         | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Lucas C. Wray      | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Oliver I. Watkins  | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| E. C. Woodworth    | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |
| Augustus W. Weeks  | 6   | 18  | 00  | 12   | 18.12 |

\$10.00 added, omitted from last report.

Respectfully submitted,  
DAVID WALKER,  
H. O. SCHERMERHORN,  
H. O. BRAMAN,  
Committee.

A. W. WEEKES,  
Chairman.

CORNELIUS L. HARVEY,  
Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, that part of the resolution offered by Mr. Loomis on October 27 instant relative to the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company, which requires the committee on roads and bridges to report the legal steps necessary to be taken in the premises, was referred back to said committee with instructions to report at the January session of this board.

Mr. Gill moved that when this board adjourns today, it adjourn to meet in adjourned session on January 9, 1893, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Carried.

Mr. Gill moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered. Carried.

Mr. Gill moved that the vote just taken be reconsidered. Carried.

By leave of the board, Mr. Gill amended his motion by striking out the words and figures "January 9, 1893," and inserting the words and figures "January 3, 1893," and the motion as amended being thereupon put was carried.

On motion of Mr. Loomis, Charles B. Coffin was appointed agent for the care and burial of deceased indigent soldiers, sailors and marines in the Second ward of the city of Grand Rapids.

On motion of Mr. Gill, the minutes of today's proceedings were read preparatory to adjournment and were approved.

On motion of Mr. E. C. Woodworth, the board adjourned.

A. W. WEEKES,  
Chairman.

CORNELIUS L. HARVEY,  
Clerk.

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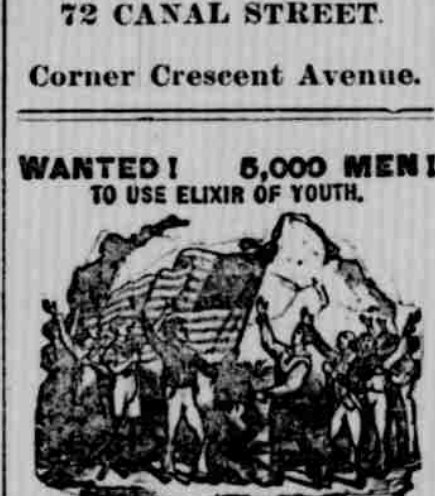
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